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SENT DEPARTMENT 679, REPEATED INFORMATION AMMAN 169, BAGHDAD 187,
BEIRUT 225, CAIRO 223, JIDDA 120, LONDON, PARIS UNNUMBERED.

Jordan Charge Nasser called January 19 to ask whether Embassy
had any information re activities in Damascus of Haj Ajin Al-
Husayni, ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. Nasser said he had reports
from good sources that Husayni had come to Damascus well-financed
to create trouble, was buying arms, distributing large sums to
Palestinians and had as his objective separating East Palestine
from Jordan and creating an Arab Palestine state. Pakistan
Legation officer called same day to make similar inquiry.

Comment: Embassy knows nothing of Husayni's activities other than
press reports that he arrived Damascus January 11 and has been
entertained by President Quwwatli, and so informed both Nasser
and Pakistani.

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